The following special observances are designed to broaden the understanding of the heritage and recognize the contributions and achievements of all Americans to the American culture:

- Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King (January)
- •Black History Month (February)
- Women's History Month (March)
- Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May)
- •Women's Equality Day (26 August)
- •Hispanic Heritage Month (15 Sep. 15 Oct.)
- •Disability Employment Awareness Month (October)
- American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month (November)



COMMANDER NAVY REGION SOUTHEAST (CNRSE)



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICE

SPECIAL EMPHASIS PROGRAM (SEP)



What is the Special Emphasis Program?

•This is one of the many Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office programs designed to assist management in developing, managing, and maintaining a highly qualified and diverse workforce that is inclusive of minorities, women, and persons with the what is the Role of the

disabilities.

SEP?

- Uses Affirmative Employment Program Plan, along with other tools, to identify underrepresented groups in the civilian workforce.
- •The SEP manager assists the managers in examining employment and/or advancement barriers that may contribute to the under-representation.
 - Program managers, committee members, and managers and supervisors jointly develop plans of action that foster commitment to developing and sustaining a diverse workforce.

What is Underrepresentation?

•A comparison between the percentage of a particular minority/sex group in the workforce with their representation in the appropriate labor force.

Underrepresentation exists when the percentage of a minority/sex group in a specific category of employment is lower than their representation in the civilian labor force (CLF).

What Programs are covered under the SEP?

- •Hispanic Employment Program
- •African American Employment Program
- •Asian American/Pacific Islander Employment Program
- AmericanIndian/AlaskaNative EmploymentProgram
- •People with Disabilities Program

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